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For when he realised that we surpassed
Him in our loftiness of consciousness,
He wanted to appropriate our mind,
Not wise enough himself to realise
That his desire was well beyond his grasp.
He made a plan with his authorities,
And by incestuous union with their dam,
Heimarmene was made. Thus the supreme
And cruellest jailer then came into being,
With her array of manacles and chains
Called "times" and "seasons", "moments", "ages", "dates",
Those fetters from which none could be exempt
Outside the All, nor gods nor mortal men,
Now doomed to live within a space of time
That was the past, or will be days to come
But never now, the present never seized,
With minds obsessed with what will be and what
There might have been, with schemes and plans stretched to
Infinity, but that eternal "now"
Beyond their ken. And hence the consciousness
Of the Beyond eluded us again.
And furthermore Man was engenderised,
By which the husband, stronger than the wife
In limb, might claim for males a spiritual
Domain irrelevant to Truth Derived
From high authority - for Saklas knew
He must divide and rule. And then he cast
Them out of Paradise, and caused the sky
To frown, and made the ground to freeze, and forced
The couple to seek shelter in dark caves.

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